

RESOLUTION 8 -2020
RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT COVID-19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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2 **INTRODUCED BY:** Administrative & Finance Committee

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4 **INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To implement COVID-19 Emergency Management Plan

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6 **FISCAL NOTE:** None

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8 **WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 was
9 detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United
10 States and the State of Wisconsin; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working
13 together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services
16 declared a Public Health Emergency; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization
17 declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin
18 declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Adams County (the "County") has been working to protect the health and well-
21 being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease
22 is likely to have on the County; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the County Board (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to make all
25 possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and
26 welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

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28 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Wis. Stat. §323.11 the Board finds and
29 declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of
30 disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the
31 spread of COVID-19; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during the period of emergency prescribed by this
34 Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and
35 expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the
36 County; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager/Administrative Coordinator is hereby
39 authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency
40 management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto; and

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Head of Emergency Management of the County is
43 authorized and directed to carry out her duties under the County's Emergency Management
44 Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Manager/Administrative Coordinator and
45 perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board; and

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Board Rule Eighteen is hereby suspended during the
48 period of emergency and the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of
49 the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in
50 compliance with all other applicable laws; and

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52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, based upon the information available to the Board and the
53 ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for
54 sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended
55 by further resolution of the Board; and

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57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other
58 appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated
59 under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

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61 Recommended for adoption by the Administrative & Finance Committee this 17th day of March,
62 2020.

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71 Defeated _____ by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this
72 Tabled _____ 17th day of March, 2020.

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74 _____ County Board Chair
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76 _____ County Clerk

- 77 Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
78 Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator